

### REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated April 10, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, claims 71-96 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-70 are now pending in this application.

#### *Claim Objections*

Claims 71-89 and 95-96 were objected to as being drawn to compounds in the context of a product-by-product claim format. Claims 71-89 and 95-96 have been canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to claims 71-89 and 95-96.

#### *§102 Rejection of the Claims*

Claims 71-74, 77-78, 85, 87, and 95-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Khachik (U.S. Patent No. 5,382,714). Claims 71-74, 77-78, 85, 87, and 95-96 have been canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 71-74, 77-78, 85, 87, and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Khachik (U.S. Patent No. 5,382,714).

Claims 71-76, 85-86, and 95-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Thomas (U.S. Patent No. 5,811,446). Claims 71-76, 85-86, and 95-96 have been canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 71-76, 85-86, and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Thomas (U.S. Patent No. 5,811,446).

Claims 71-80, 85, 89, and 95-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Howard et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,218,436). Claims 71-80, 85, 89, and 95-96 have been

canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 71-80, 85, 89, and 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Howard et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,218,436).

Claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Murad (U.S. Patent No. 5,804,168). Claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 have been canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Murad (U.S. Patent No. 5,804,168).

Claims 71-85, and 95-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Soudant et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,712,311). Claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 have been canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Soudant et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,712,311).

Claims 71-75, 77-78, 81-83, and 90-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Antoshkiw et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,998,753). Claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 have been canceled herein to facilitate prosecution of claims 1-70. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 71-76, 80-85, 95-96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Antoshkiw et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,998,753).

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Applicant respectfully acknowledges that claims 1-70 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3261 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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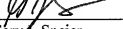
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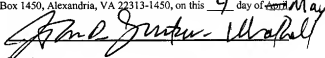
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